

Preliminary Amendment filed March 29, 2004
Continuation of U.S. Serial No: 10/003,910; Filed: November 1, 2001
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REMARKS

Newly added claims 66-76 were originally filed as claims 2, 27, 28, 31, 32, 4, 5, 33, 6, 34 and 37, respectively, in commonly owned U.S. Patent Application S.N. 10/095,507. In an office action in that case dated 1/27/04, the Examiner in S.N. 10/095,507 rejected claims 2, 27, 28, 31, 32, 4, 5, 33, 6, 34 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Adams et al. USPAP 2003/0083538, which is the publication of this continuation application's parent application S.N. 10/095,507. Applicants therefore respectfully suggest that the subject matter of newly filed claims 66-76 is fully supported by the disclosure of this continuing application.

The Examiner also rejected claim 37 of S.N. 10/095,507 (corresponding to claim 76 of this amendment) under 35 U.S.C. § 112(b) as being indefinite and suggested that the recitation of "the first orientation" be changed to "a first orientation" to overcome this rejection. Applicants have made that change.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29912-704.301)

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